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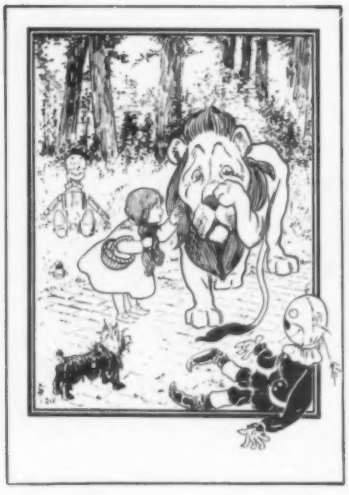
## NEW SUMMER GIFT ITEMS AVAILABLE

A cartoon and limerick from Edward Lear's *Book of Nonsense* (1863) and a drawing entitled "Dorothy Scolds the Cowardly Lion" by W. W. Denslow, the first illustrator of L. Frank Baum's *Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, are new black-and-white postcards now available from the Library. The cards, measuring 4 1/4 by 6 inches, sell for 15 cents each. These and other new sales items may be purchased at the Information Counter located in the ground floor lobby at the west entrance of the Library of Congress Building.

New color postcards include "The Entry into the Forest," a mural painted for the Hispanic Society Reading Room by Candido Portinari in 1941, and a "Beard Trimming Chart," copyrighted in 1880 and now in the collections of the Library's Prints and Photographs Division. Subjects of other color cards are a photograph of the Court of Neptune Fountain in front of the Library of Congress Building and "A Study for Advertisement for Plasmon" (an early powdered dairy product) by Edward Penfield, dated 1905. Color postcards sell for 20 cents each.

Two greeting cards produced by the American Folklife Center reflect the center's activities in the Blue Ridge Mountains and Paradise Valley, Nevada. A fine representation of Blue Ridge crafts is depicted in a photograph of a sunburst quilt handcrafted by retired schoolteacher Lura Brancome Stanley of Laurel Fork in Carroll County, Va. The quilt was made as a gift for her son using traditional techniques passed down in the family. Another Folklife Center card reproduces a color photograph of two buckaroos, Ray Martinez and Bob Humphrey, roping "Circle A" calves for spring branding in Humboldt County, Nevada, taken during a field project in that area. The branding took place in June 1978 one early morning and lasted until noon, involving neighbors and friends who



*"Dorothy Scolds the Cowardly Lion"*

*Ray Martinez and Bob Humphrey rope "Circle A" calves.*

pitched in to help. The folded cards (measuring 6 1/4 by 4 1/2 inches) sell for 40 cents individually (with envelopes) or in a package of six for $2.25.

In addition to the cards, new T-shirts and ties are for sale. The T-shirts, pullovers with short sleeves in 50 percent cotton and 50 percent polyester, were produced at the request of the Library of Congress Women's Program and bear the program emblem on the center front. They are available in two colors (sand with brown lettering and red with white lettering) and in three sizes, small (34-36), medium (38-40), and large (42-44). The T-shirts sell for $4.95 apiece.

All-polyester four-in-hand ties and bow ties, bearing the figure of the eagle from the Library of Congress seal stitched in white, are available with a dark navy or maroon background. Large ties sell for $10 while the bow ties can be purchased for $7.50.

All of the new items can be purchased either at the Information Counter or by mail from the Information Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540. Payment must accompany all mail orders. The minimum order is $1; postage is included in the sales price.

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## PAPER PREPARED ON HAITIAN LIBRARY MATERIALS

Lygia Maria Ballantyne, under contract to the Library of Congress as its acquisitions representative in Haiti, is the author of a 53-page paper entitled "Haitian Acquisitions: An Acquisitions Guide and Bibliography." The study is based on Mrs. Ballantyne's intensive work on behalf of the Library, beginning in October 1978, to develop and maintain exchange agreements, to learn about local patterns of publishing and distribution of books and other

materials of interest to researchers, to identify both retrospective and current titles needed for the Library's collections, and to acquire those titles in Haiti, if available there.

The guide begins with an overview of the book trade, noncommercial publishers, and library and documentation centers. This is followed by four appendixes: a directory of bookstores and publishing houses; a directory of institutional publishers, mainly government bodies; an annotated list of current Haitian serials; and a checklist of significant Haitian monographs issued in the period from 1970 to 1979. The latter list is in two parts, the first comprising 311 titles published in Haiti, the second citing 155 titles by Haitian authors that have been published in other countries.

The paper, in a slightly edited form, will be included in the *Final Report and Working Papers* of the XXIVth Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials, held in Los Angeles, Calif., in June, to be published later this year.

## DOROTHY SCHRADER APPOINTED COPYRIGHT GENERAL COUNSEL

Dorothy Schrader, who served as general counsel of the Library's Copyright Office from 1974 to 1976, has again been appointed general counsel. The appointment was effective July 16.

Dorothy Schrader has 14 years of varied legal and administrative experience in the Copyright Office. In 1963 she joined the office's Examining Division as an examiner of book and music copyright claims. She became a senior examiner in the Book Section, then assistant head of the Miscellaneous (now Visual Arts) Section, and later head of the Miscellaneous Section.

She served as senior attorney-adviser on the legal staff before being named assistant chief of the Examining Division in 1972. After two years in that post, she was appointed general counsel.

A native of Pennsylvania, she graduated summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of Southern California at Los Angeles in 1960 and received the J.D. in 1963 from Harvard Law School. She is a member of the bars of the District of Columbia, the U.S. Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court. From 1973 to 1976 she served as adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University Law Center.

She is the author of several scholarly articles on U.S. copyright law and international copyright. She has represented the United States at a number of international copyright conferences, including sessions of the International Conference of States to revise the Universal Copyright Convention (UCC); an International Conference of States for preparation of the 1974 Brussels Communications Satellite Convention; sessions of the Intergovernmental Copyright Committee of the UCC; meetings of the Committee of Experts on Reprographic Reproduction; the Seminar on Neighboring Rights in Latin America; the 1975 conference on the U.S. Working Party on Intellectual Property, Scientific and Trade Agreements between the United States and the U.S.S.R.; and a meeting with VAAP, the copyright licensing agency of the U.S.S.R., in Moscow in 1974.

Dorothy Schrader replaces Jon A. Baumgarten, general counsel from January 1976 to June of this year, who left the Copyright Office to enter the private practice of law.

## MEXICAN ARCHIVES ON MICROFILM COMING TO LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The Hispanic Acquisitions Project recently negotiated an exchange of 539 reels of positive microfilm of Mexican archives with the Instituto National de Antropología e Historia in Mexico City in return for duplicate copies of various *National Union Catalog* quinquennial cumulations. The first installment of the exchange, comprising 29 reels of the archives of General Adalberto Tejeda, was received in mid-July.

Future installments will contain a wide variety of materials relating to Mexican social and cultural history, among them, social conflict of Catholicism, Franciscan history, dictionaries and codices of indigenous languages, the Mexican revolution, correspondence of President Francisco I. Madero and of Gómez Farias, the archives of Don Mariano Trujillo Robles, Emperor Maximilian, Colegio Seminario de San Nicolas de Valladolid, the Biblioteca Municipal Venustiano-Carranza, and the Unión Nacional Sinarquista. The bulk of the microfilm is of manuscripts and documentation originating in Mexico during the 16th to 19th centuries.

After it has been processed, the microfilm may be consulted in the Microform Reading Room.

## *HLAS* BOARD MEETS

The Advisory Board of the *Handbook of Latin American Studies* met at the Library of Congress on

*Gathering during the reception for HLAS Advisory Board members and contributing editors were (left to right) Charles Gibson, Daniel J. Boorstin, John Brademas, William E. Carter, and John H. Kyle.*

May 15. The chief of the Hispanic Division, William E. Carter, welcomed members of the board, among them John H. Kyle, director of the University of Texas Press. Mr. Kyle announced at the meeting that a contract with the Library of Congress for the publication of the *Handbook* would be signed that week (see the LC *Information Bulletin* for July 27, p. 284).

Other members attending the sessions were the chairman, Charles Gibson of the University of Michigan, former president of the American Historical Association; Cole Blasier, University of Pittsburgh; Pauline P. Collins, University of Massachusetts, Amherst; Frank N. Dauster, Rutgers University; William P. Glade, University of Texas, Austin; Javier Malagón, Embassy of Spain; Betty J. Meggers, Smithsonian Institution; James R. Scobie, University of California, San Diego; Kempton Webb, Columbia University; and Bryce Wood. Also present were Assistant Librarian of Congress for Research Services John C. Broderick, director for area studies Warren M. Tsuneishi, director of publishing Dana J. Pratt, editor of the *Handbook* Delores M. Martin, and senior assistants to the editor Alfredda H. Payne and Janice M. Herd. Mr. Broderick welcomed members of the board on behalf of the Library and Mr. Tsuneishi briefed them on the development of area studies at the Library. Board members were especially interested in the area bibliographies for Asian and Slavic studies which were circulated at the meeting.

The Librarian, The Deputy Librarian, The Associate Librarian, the Assistant Librarian for Research Services, and other staff members joined the Advisory Board at a luncheon in the Whittall Pavilion. The Librarian welcomed the group and noted the significance of the *Handbook* as an example of continuous cooperation between Library staff and the academic community. Following the afternoon session, a reception was held in the Great Hall to honor the Advisory Board and contributing editors of the *Handbook*, who number more than 100 scholars, about 30 of whom were present, the largest number to attend a Handbook social event in many years. Congressman John Brademas, Majority Whip, a scholar in Hispanic studies, also attended the reception.

## MEETINGS OF LIBRARIANS REPORTED

Some 150 librarians serving blind and physically handicapped readers in 12 southern states, the Virgin Islands, and throughout the Midwest, held biennial conferences in May.

The theme of the May 15-18 Southern Conference of some 75 librarians held in Montgomery, Ala., "Be Aware. . . and Share," was reflected in a diverse program. Florida author and historian Gloria Jahoda set the general tone in a keynote address, "Towards Talking Books: A Writer's Journey."

Government resources for handicapped individuals were discussed by Dennis R. Wyant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment, and by Oral Miller, an attorney for the Small Business Administration.

Handicapping conditions were discussed by Mary

# STAFF NEWS

## CONSTANCE STEVENS' RETIREMENT NOTED

Constance I. Stevens, customer services officer in the Cataloging Distribution Service, retired on July 20 after 36 years of Federal service. In this position Mrs. Stevens coordinated and directed an active

*John Lorenz and Constance Stevens*

customer support program for thousands of libraries in this country and abroad which have subscribed over the years to the technical publications prepared and published by the Library as well as the cataloging sold and distributed in the form of catalog cards, proofsheets, book catalogs, computer-output-microform, and MARC tapes.

Mrs. Stevens began her Federal career at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in the Treasury Department, where she worked as a printers' assistant from June 1942 until February 1944. She subsequently worked in the War Department and the Civil Service Commission before coming to the Library in November 1946 as a library assistant in the former Card Division. Other positions she later held in that division were arranger, searcher, card order investigator, card expeditor, supervisor of the Publishers' Liaison Unit, and head of the Order Section before assuming, in 1971, the duties of the position from which she retired.

Mrs. Stevens received an Outstanding Performance Rating in 1972 and 1976 and was given a Superior Service Award in 1975 for her lengthy superior performance as a representative of the Library of Congress at the Library's exhibit booth at many conferences. Acting Librarian John Lorenz, in a letter to her, recognized that her "performance as representative of the Library at meetings of the American Library Association and other professional conferences since 1961 reflects credit upon you, the Processing Department and the Library of Congress. Your able service at the Library's exhibit booth. . .contributed greatly to strengthening the image of the Library of Congress as a service organization to libraries throughout the country."

Mrs. Stevens, a native of Virginia, is a graduate of Miner Teachers College, and has taken a number of graduate courses at Howard University. She left with a group from that university on a trip to Greece within hours of her retirement. Other trips are on her future schedule.

## MELVIN R. PETERSON RETIRES

Mel Peterson, assistant chief of the Cataloging Division in the Copyright Office, retired on July 29 after more than 30 years of Federal service.

Mr. Peterson's enrollment in college was interrupted when he joined the U.S. Army during World War II to serve for two-and-a-half years in Italy, France, and Germany. He returned to the University of Minnesota where he graduated in 1950 with a bachelor of science degree in German.

Eager for an opportunity to use his language skills, Mr. Peterson joined the U.S. Information Agency as an information officer. He served in Burma, Vietnam, and Cambodia during the next four years. In 1954 he was promoted to the position of director of the Amerika Haus in Hof, West Germany.

In 1959 he resigned from his post in the foreign

service and began his career in the Library. His first position was that of a searcher in the Union Catalog Post-1951 Imprints Section. He was soon promoted to a position as searcher in the Photoduplication Service.

Mr. Peterson joined the Copyright Office in January 1964 as a supervisory editor in the Editing and Publishing Section, Cataloging Division. He advanced in that section to assistant head in November 1966 and to head in December 1972. From April 1976 until October 1976, Mr. Peterson served as acting chief of the Service Division. Since his appointment as assistant chief of the Cataloging Division three years ago, the division has experienced great changes because of the revision of the copyright law, the reorganization of the Copyright Office, and the conversion from one cataloging system to another.

Mr. Peterson plans to travel extensively during his retirement.

## CLARENCE E. McGHEE DIES

His many friends in the Library have recently received word of the death on Friday, July 20, of Clarence E. McGhee, a staff member of the Library for more than four decades and a fondly remembered colleague of many of the Library's current and former employees. Mr. McGhee was a reference librarian and specialist in Government documents at the time of his retirement in January 1977 (see the LC *Information Bulletin* for February 4, 1977, pp. 96-97).

His career at the Library, which spanned 41 years, began in June 1935 when he worked for two weeks in the former Card Division at piece work rates. In 1936 he was appointed messenger in the reading room. Later he served as a deck attendant, a telephone attendant, and a reference assistant in the Congressional Unit before permanently joining the reference staff of the general reading rooms.

Over the years many readers and correspondents benefited from Mr. McGhee's uncanny ability to trace materials in the jungle of publications produced by the many U.S. Government agencies. To his colleagues he seemed to have a sixth sense about where some bit of information might be found.

A native of Enoree, S.C., Mr. McGhee received a bachelor of arts degree from Wofford College in Spartanburg, S.C. He then completed a year of graduate work in history at the University of South Carolina and taught for two years in Chesness, (S.C.) High School.

Mr. McGhee's survivors include his wife, the former Bertha Lee Mabry of the home in Arlington, Va., a son, Dr. Stanley McGhee of Baltimore, Md., and two grandchildren.

## ELEVEN REACH 10-YEAR MARK

During July, 11 Library staff members completed 10 years of service and received Federal Service Award pins:

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| Jeffrey M. Clark | Geography and Map Division |
| Margaret T. Conradsen | Environment and Natural Resources Policy Division |
| William M. Dean | Collections Management Division |
| Judith B. Frazier | Congressional Reference Division |
| Gerard W. Gawalt | Manuscript Division |
| Esther A. Hall | Cataloging Distribution Service |
| Orrel J. Lencho | Foreign Affairs and National Defense Division |
| David M. Lindahl | Environment and Natural Resources Policy Division |
| Patrice A. Lyons | Office of the Register of Copyrights |
| Charles C. Neel | Central Services Division |
| Judith G. Schmidt | Acquisitions and Processing Division |

## ONLINE SEARCHING FEE SUBJECT OF LUNCHEON MEETING

The Reference Information Exchange Group will hold its next brown-bag luncheon meeting at noon on August 13 in the Whittall Pavilion. The meeting will afford an opportunity for reference librarians and others interested in online reference services to ask questions, offer advice, and provide comments on a paper entitled "Proposal for the Library of Congress to Offer Searching of Commercial Data Bases for a Fee."

Essentially online retrieval services are automated versions of abstracting and indexing services already available in the Library in hard copy or paper form. The use of online bibliographic reference services has

grown substantially during the last 10 years, and many libraries are now offering access to these commercial data bases on a fee basis (sometimes partially subsidized).

The Office of Planning and Development recently formed a small ad hoc group to investigate the practicality and desirability of such a service at the Library. The result is the paper to be discussed at this meeting of the Reference Group. Copies of the paper may be obtained from the Planning Office.

Staff members may choose to attend on their lunch periods but any additional time, including travel time, requires advance supervisory approval based on workload determination.

## STAFF ACTIVITIES

**John Y. Cole**, executive director of the Center for the Book, is the author of "Storehouses and Workshops: American Libraries and the Uses of Knowledge," an article appearing in *The Organization of Knowledge in Modern America, 1860-1920.* The publication was edited by Alexandra Oleson and John Voss and recently published by The Johns Hopkins University Press.

**Mary Berghaus Levering**, assistant chief for network development of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS/BPH), addressed approximately 1,800 members of the National Federation of the Blind in Miami Beach, Fla., on July 6. Mrs. Levering spoke on the "National Library Service: Developments, Trends, and Consumer Input." NLS/BPH activities of special interest to the group included plans for braille book selection and production, newly designed headphones, evaluation of paperless braille techniques, and the development and testing by the Library of Congress of a braille output device to the Kurzweil Reading Machine.

**Tadeusz Sadowski**, senior legal specialist in Soviet and Polish law in the European Law Division, spoke on May 17 to the Advanced Placement History class at Groveton High School in Alexandria, Va., on East European legal systems.

## PERSONNEL CHANGES

**Appointments**: Constance Bond, inquiries recorder (trainee), GS-7, CRS ARS, 90158; Jon Freshour, registrar, GS-11, Exh, 90364; Jeanne Isacco, library information systems specialist, GS-13, ASO, 90137; Jennifer Krebs, mail clerk, GS-4, CS, 90300; Benjamin Littlejohn, Jr., mail technician, GS-3, Cop Acq & Proc, OP 10-200; Bonnie Mangan, bibliographer, GS-9, CRS L, 90105; Betty Shawn, communications specialist, GS-9, CS, 90291; Mi Chu Wiens, area specialist, GS-13, Asian, NP.

**Temporary Appointments**: Susan Adland, library assistant, GS-5, M/B/RS, NP; Karen Bland, library aid, GS-1, Ser Rec, NP; Rachelle Bundy, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt, GR-113; Carolyn Burkes, clerk-typist, GS-1, Cop Acq & Proc, NP; Deborah Chandler, deck attendant (trainee), GS-2, Col Mgmt, GR-112; Michelle Cheers, library aid, GS-1 CIP, NP; Barrington Coltrane, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt, GR-113; Helena Daniels, clerk-typist, GS-1, Cop Cat, NP; James Epley, mail technician, GS-2, Cop Acq & Proc, NP; Judith Fleming, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt, GR-113; Eric Frazier, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt, GR-113; Thelma Gaskins, library aid, GS-1, Ser Rec, NP; Stuart Goldman, analyst in Soviet affairs, GS-11, CRS F, 90146; Harold W. Hintz, Jr., caption assistant and searcher, GS-5, P&P, NP; Mary Jackson, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt, GR-113; Brenda Lee, clerk-typist, GS-1, Cop Acq & Proc, NP; George Mangan, library assistant, GS-5, M/B/RS, NP; Janice Mingo, deck attendant (trainee), GS-2, Col Mgmt, GR-112; L. Jasmine Murphy, library aid, GS-3, Proc, NP; Robert Reynolds, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt, GR-113; John Verrier, vault collection attendant, WG-3, M/B/RS, NP; Susan Wiener, library assistant, GS-5, M/B/RS, NP.

**Temporary Reappointments**: Mary Bader, information systems research assistant, GS-9, ASO, NP; Martin Marks, music preservation assistant, GS-4, Mus, NP; Annette Moore, library technician, GS-5, NLS/BPH NP; Elizabeth Pilson, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt, GR-113.

**Promotions**: Aaron Ball, to special searcher, GS-7, Loan, 90223; Austin S. Brown, Jr., to systems analyst, GS-13, ASO, 90298.

**Transfer**: George Laki, CRS MAS, to processing assistant, GS-3, Desc Cat, 90325.

**Resignations**: Reynolds Atkins, Class A&R; Janet Brown, CRS Govt; James Engert, Bldgs; Donna Enlow, ASO; Exil Johnson, Jr., ASO; Catherine McHugh, CRS EPW; Judy Croszlan, CRS C; Constance Pollard, Health, Kevin Scott, Col Mgmt; Johnetta Ward, Cop Acq & Proc.

## CONCERTS COMING UP

**Thursday, August 30**

Melecio Martinez will perform on the Mexican folk harp in a free outdoor concert sponsored by the American Folklife Center. The rain date is Friday, August 31. On the Neptune Plaza from noon to 2 p.m.

**Saturday, September 8**

Chamber music by MusicCrafters with director Vincent Patterson of the Marine Band. No tickets are required. In the Coolidge Auditorium at 8 p.m.

**Thursday, September 27**

The gospel singing Burke Family will be featured in a free outdoor concert sponsored by the American Folklife Center. The rain date is Friday, September 28. On the Neptune Plaza from noon to 2 p.m.

**Staff members who wish to attend programs or other events taking place during their normal working hours should consult their supervisors.**

Anne Stigler of the Low Vision Clinic in Birmingham, Sara R. Walsh of the Southeast Regional Center for Deaf-Blind Children in Talledega, Ala., and by Mary Catherine Beasley of the University of Alabama who spoke about multiply handicapped individuals.

Reports and news on Library of Congress plans and activities were presented by Mary Berghaus Levering, assistant chief for network development, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped; Edward Lewis, equipment control officer; and Carol Evans, head, Resources Coordination Unit, and NLS/BPH consultant to the South.

From May 20-23, 75 midwestern librarians met in Lansing, Mich., for their biennial Midlands Conference.

Workshops were presented by Mary Urban Wright of the Kalamazoo Red Cross on volunteerism and by Gary Oster, a fund raiser and library graduate student, on finance and fund raising.

A panel discussion on the educational needs of young people preceded a tour of the Michigan School for the Blind and demonstration of the Apollo Laser, Optacon, and Visualtek reading equipment.

Mary Levering, Hylda Kamisar, head of the NLS/BPH Reference Section, and Michael Sweeney, director of the NLS/BPH Multistate Center for the Midlands, attended the conference.

## RETRIEVAL ADVISORY GROUP FORMED TO STUDY LC SYSTEMS

The Committee on Automation Planning has established the Retrieval Advisory Group (RAG). The purpose of the group is to advise and work with the Automated Systems Office on the future characteristics of the Library of Congress retrieval systems. The group will address both immediate concerns, such as the integration of current Library of Congress retrieval systems, and medium- to long-range plans for adding capabilities.

The group will prepare a summary report to the full committee every six months, with the first report due November 1 and each subsequent one at six-month intervals.

Members appointed to the group are Pamela Bacher, executive secretary, Automated Systems Office; Lela Beth Criswell, Copyright Office; Dorothy Glasby, Processing Services; John Kaldahl, Congressional Research Service; Justin Kniemeyer, Processing Services; David Kraus, Research Services; Robert Nay, Law Library; Mary Ellen Ward, Research Services; and Robert Zich, Office of Planning and Development.

Fred Croxton, director of the Library's Automated Systems Office, is the CAP member responsible for oversight and general direction of the activities of the Retrieval Advisory Group.

The RAG held its first meeting May 31 and, among other business, compiled a list of 10 possible areas of study. The first of these, the characteristics and requirements of the users of the Library's retrieval systems, was the principal subject of discussion at the second meeting, on June 12. Members described the types of users in their home units and were given the assignment of going back to their units, doing some canvassing, and preparing a considered statement for the group on the same topic.

The third meeting, July 12, saw additional discussion of the nature of the users of retrieval systems and of a possible need for a more careful survey to establish accurately their number and character. The group decided that while the possibility of such a survey is being investigated, the members should move on to the next of the areas of study identified at the first meeting, namely, desirable characteristics of the integrated retrieval system. Pamela Bacher analyzed this broad subject into four elements, which members then volunteered to investigate. The elements and those who volunteered to work on them are (1) search/query negotiation, including query language; and (2) user interaction with the terminal, such as cursor locations and function keys (1 and 2 will be investigated by Lela Beth Criswell, Dorothy Glasby, and David Kraus); (3) system responses, including display formats, content and arrangement, and system messages (Justin Kniemeyer, Bob Nay, and Bob Zich); (4) tutorial and convenience capabilities (Mary Ellen Ward). Additionally, Pamela Bacher and John Kaldahl are working on a consolidated description of the characteristics and requirements of users of the Library's retrieval systems.

The volunteers were to present interim reports to the group at the next meeting, which was scheduled for July 23. The group is aware of the limitations in its own experience with retrieval systems and in its knowledge of the needs of the system users. It urges therefore that any person or group wishing to offer comments or advice on the topics under consideration please do so as soon as possible, preferably in writing. Address them to the member of the committee investigating the topic which interests you, or to Pamela Bacher if they cover several topics or are general in nature. Although the group's initial recommendations will be short-term and have the aim of creating a first-try, cosmetic integration of the retrieval systems, the group does wish this first try to be as knowledgeable and effective as possible. It appreciates how useful staff suggestions can be in achieving this end.

# APPENDIX

## NEW YORK CONFERENCE ON BOOK PAPER AND BOOK PRESERVATION

*By Warren J. Haas*
*President, Council on Library Resources, Inc.*

*[On May 14, at the invitation of representatives of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the Council on Library Resources, 19 individuals with knowledge of paper manufacturing, publishing, and book preservation programs met at the Century Association in New York City to exchange information about book paper, its use, and how to identify ways to address prospective aspects of the collection preservation problem that have been a matter of concern to librarians and scholars for many years. The Library of Congress was represented by William J. Welsh, Donald C. Curran, John C. Broderick, John C. Williams, and Norman J. Shaffer.*

*In preparation for the meeting, a series of questions were formulated by Warren J. Haas that focused attention on the major problems of book paper and book preservation. Mr. Haas summarized the day's discussions and that summary, with a short introduction, follows.]*

While the discussion can be summarized, the character of the problem cannot be reduced to a simple statement. If nothing else, the meeting underscored the fact that the number of pertinent issues is large and they are interrelated in complex ways. The present period is a dynamic one so far as this topic is concerned, and the time may be right to make progress, even though a fully effective capacity to work towards improvement in some areas may not now exist. The best hope, perhaps, is to expand understanding of the nature of the problem and to press for specific improvement as opportunities develop. As is always the case, the key question is who will assume that responsibility. If the concern is important, and clearly it is, then the search for ways to reduce the problem of book deterioration to acceptable dimensions must be led by those who feel the concern and have the obligation to act. The probability is that many individuals from paper manufacturing, publishing, and libraries will have to make *themselves* accountable if further progress is to be made.

We emphasize that is is *further* progress that is needed. Past attention to this topic has generated interest, has provided a factual base on which to build, and has prompted development of preservation programs in a number of libraries. There is more paper of high quality made now than at the turn of the century and papermaking skills continue to be refined by research and technology. In short, there is a foundation on which to build.

It should be noted that several related and important topics (retrospective preservation, microfilm standards, etc.) surfaced and deserve attention but limitation of time forced discussion back to the agenda proper. In considering the fundamental question of the importance of extending the useful life of books, participants concluded that it is reasonable to seek a proper balance between the physical durability of books and their intellectual and cultural worth. No one was ready to add books to the growing list of society's expendable supplies.

The questions, and the main comments they provoked, follow.

**Question 1**: Is book paper that meets reasonable specifications for permanence and durability readily available in sufficient variety and at acceptable costs?

1.1 The general subject was put in perspective by certain facts. Of 65 million tons of paper produced in the U.S. annually, only 15 million tons are "white" paper, that is to say, writing and printing paper. Of this about .8 million tons (i.e. little more than one percent of all paper produced) are book paper and a substantial portion of even this amount is of lower quality geared to publishing mass market paperbacks. Thus, "book paper" for the books with which libraries are most concerned represents a very small portion of total production and is of minor economic importance, industry-wide, though it constitutes a large part of the output of some manufacturers. For further perspective, it was noted that a single newly installed papermaking machine has a typical capacity of about 100,000-150,000 tons of paper annually.

1.2 With few exceptions, demand for paper of most kinds exceeds supply and this situation is likely to prevail for at least several more years. Capital for expansion of production is being diverted to modify plants in order to meet environmental standards. Publishers currently find that they must take available paper.

1.3 The term "reasonable specifications" was not made more specific, but discussion indicated that the specifications detailed by the Barrow Laboratories are too demanding. Specifications developed by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission were distributed as an example of workable guidelines that may meet requirements for "permanency" yet are realistic, technically and economically, from the point of view of paper manufacturers and publishers. Other agencies and foundations need to include similar specifications in publication support programs.

1.4 Alkaline paper for journals is not now available in the quality required at an acceptable cost. Simply because of the sheer quantity of paper consumed, the economics of journal publishing is very sensitive to paper cost. Any premium in paper price might jeopardize the journal itself, yet the problem of durability must be met.

1.5 There is some growing pressure to recycle paper products but there is skepticism that this effort will solve the problem, though recycled materials may rise modestly above the present United States figure of 22 percent. The growing number of "additives" (coatings and plastics) used in paper manufacture curtails reuse.

1.6 Light weight, acid-free paper ("bible paper") is in very short supply and is exceptionally costly.

1.7 There is some prospect that the process of paper manufacturing, for both economic and environmental reasons, might be undergoing a major change with the result that substantially increased quantities of alkaline paper might be produced. There was no firm information about either the extent of or the timetable for this prospective change.

**Question 2**: If such paper is available, why is it not more generally or universally used for publication of books and journals?

**Question 3**: If appropriate papers are not readily available, or if other obstacles exist, what action is required? By whom?

3.1 Alkaline paper in adequate variety and sufficient quantity and at a competitive price is not as available as it might reasonably be expected to be for book publishing and is clearly not available for journal publishing. In addition to the scarcity situation, other factors (market information, costs, etc.) are also of influence.

3.2 The interests of libraries concerning paper characteristics are not well known to most publishers and are almost unknown to paper manufacturers. Library concerns need to be carefully stated and brought effectively to the attention of publishers and more of the smaller or specialized paper manufacturers. The market needs to be defined and reasonable specifications agreed on.

3.3 There is likely to be little support for raising standards of quality by Government publishers because quantities are so large and the countervailing pressures to reduce costs are dominant.

3.4 Most libraries know little or nothing about the quality of the paper used in books they acquire. Sampling approaches, provision of information in the book itself, testing services, etc. were among ideas advanced that might usefully increase understanding.

3.5 A paper distributed prior to the meeting proposed development of appropriate standards and use of copyright as a device to promote adherence to those standards, either in initial publishing or through a system of complementary publishing. The concept of standards development and voluntary compliance (probably using American National Standards Institute procedures and its Committee P or Z-39) received support. There were mixed views (and some strong opposition) on using copyright as the activating device.

**Question 4**: What categories of books and journals should be routinely manufactured with high priority given to factors assuring permanence and durability?

4.1 It was suggested that the number of copies printed on alkaline paper that libraries would require, in the interests of retaining permanently a "record copy" of each item published, was actually very few. The implicit difficulties of determining accountability for maintaining the permanent copies of specific titles were underscored. Technical approaches were considered (conversion of text to film, capturing machine-readable copy, etc.) The prevailing sentiment suggested that many books and journals are intrinsically of continuing importance and their utility and availability over time should not be jeopardized by paying insufficient attention to their physical properties, including paper and binding, and the conditions under which they are kept. Not only research libraries of record, but libraries of many other kinds, as well as the individual book purchaser, have a right to a sound product.

**Question 5**: How can the use of alkaline and durable book papers be promoted outside the United States?

5.1 Strong and visible evidence of American concern demonstrated by taking effective action to improve book paper and to use alkaline paper in publishing will be the most powerful means to stimulate parallel efforts in other countries. The fact that books and journals are an international commodity means all countries benefit from progress in one.

5.2 It is probable that the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) should be asked to consider ways to address the topic at the international level.

5.3 The process of developing working standards is international in essence, and might, with time, be a force for voluntary compliance by paper manufacturers and publishers, worldwide. ANSI adoption of standards judged acceptable by libraries and publishers might expedite international action.

**Question 6**: Can copies of books for libraries be separately manufactured?

6.1 There was little detailed discussion but an initial reading suggests that the possibility exists, either by the original publisher or perhaps by a specialty firm that would republish to specifications the books of many primary publishers. The prospect of binding books to library specifications by the primary publisher also seems possible though it creates additional inventory and fulfillment problems.

At the conclusion of the discussion those present encouraged the continued pursuit of issues identified during the meeting, and a committee was formed to propose procedures for identifying objectives and options for action, to recommend ways to arrive at acceptable standards, and to extend understanding and wider recognition of the problem itself.

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